(ii) Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for gauge conversion of Pathankot-Joginder Nagar (Kangra valley rail line) with extension of broad-gauge line from Joginder Nagar to Bhanupali *via* Mandi-Bilaspur.

Further consideration of these projects will be possible once the survey reports become available.

Administrative Hurdles in the Jurisdiction of D.R.Ms.

†1007. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the anomalies, unviability and administrative hurdles of the jurisdiction of Divisional Railway Managers if so, the steps being taken in this regard; and

(b) whether Government are also aware that Divisional Railway Manager, Ajmer looks after the administration of Gandhidham which is at a distance of hundreds of kilometres, whereas the administration of Nasirabad, which is at a distance of 20 kms, is out of his jurisdiction; if so, what improvement would be made in this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The territorial jurisdiction of a railway division is decided on the basis of operational and administrative requirements consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency.

(b) Yes, Sir. There are many divisions which are similarly placed. However, there is no particular problem in smooth functioning.

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†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.